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Lodi Railroad Museum



ANNUAL ISSUE

WHAT A YEAR!!

The Lodi Railroad Museum (LRRM) experienced a record number of visitors this year despite the pandemic.

Thank you for keeping the LRRM a safe place by wearing masks, practicing social distancing, and using hand sanitizer!

Guests from all walks of life came to enjoy the historic memorabilia, talk with knowledgeable volunteers, and meet fellow train enthusiasts.

In this issue you will see the move of the 1949 Cupola Caboose from Sanson foods and the completed #0231 Wheeling & Lake Erie caboose.

We really enjoyed The Dandelion, Cabin Fever, National Train Day Tours, and monthly open houses.

A big shout out to all that attended the Bunker Hill Golf Outing and Ted Riser's Rockin' the Depot Events!



AND THEN THERE WERE TWO...

Thanks to a generous gift by Jeff Sanson, CEO of Sanson Foods Company in Cleveland, the Lodi Railroad Museum took possession of a 1949 Cupola Caboose on March 3, 2021.

The caboose was built by the St. Louis Car Company and given the number 518441. It operated for 21 years with assignments on the Norfolk and Western Railway traveling through Virginia and West Virginia. Its last run was on March 30, 1984.



CABOOSE AT SANSON FOODS

The caboose weighs 36,000 pounds so it required special cranes and hauling vehicles to transport it safely to the Lodi Railroad Museum.



THANKS TO RICH'S TOWING FOR THE CABOOSE TRANSPORT

With the teamwork, expertise, and invaluable knowledge brought to this project by Interstate Towing, JEB Outdoor Services, Mr. Excavator, and Rich's Towing, the relocation was completed in about eight hours.



IMPRESSIVE MOVING CREW!

The all-volunteer team at the museum prepared the site by securely laying railroad ties and track.



J.E.B. OUTDOOR SERVICES

Then the caboose was raised from the trailer and positioned precisely over the axle guide anchors securely attaching the caboose in place.



CABOOSE #518441 IN PLACE

Museum volunteers have been preparing for the caboose restoration since its placement. The team has been assessing the integrity of the structure from top to bottom and inside out.

They are gauging the degree of wear to accurately identify the sequence of needed repairs, establish a realistic timeline and project budget.

This review will also identify original design characteristics of the caboose that will be replicated such as windows, doors, and metal work. Right down to the variety of wood used to cover ceilings, walls, and the floor.

It is important that objects and spaces inside the caboose be preserved and refurbished. The functioning "rooms" or sections of the caboose such as the bathroom, kitchen, viewing deck,

and storage space will be restored.

Electrical for heat and power will be installed. After that, finishing the steps, railings, light fixtures, and latches are classic details that will polish off the inside.

The project will be nearing completion once surfaces inside and out are being prepared for paint. Then, the logo and caboose identification number will be stenciled on the outside of the completed caboose.

Valuating all these things are foundational when prioritizing the rebuild. These careful decisions are necessary when the goals are to maintain the original caboose design, identify appropriate materials & supplies, manage the timeline, and remain on budget throughout the project.



In all that is done, the Lodi Railroad Museum strives to be responsible stewards of all donations so generously given to the museum.

None of the restoration or expansion at the Lodi Railroad Museum would have occurred were it not for each individual who gives of their resources, skills, and time.

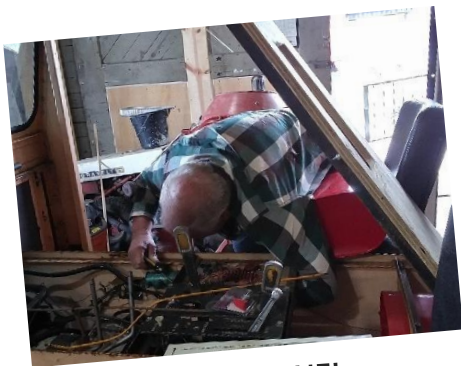
We are sincerely grateful.

Interstate Towing first lifted the two axles: seating them precisely over the laid rail.



READY TO LIFT THE CABOOSE

"Our Working Guys"



GET'ER DONE!

The Lodi Railroad Museum truly values the exemplary support given by countless individuals, civic groups, small businesses, and large companies from our local community!

Without their specialized knowledge, skill and dedication this years accomplishments would not have been achieved.



**CANADIAN SPEEDER
COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The Lodi Railroad Museum is proud to partner with the Wadsworth Courts.

As we rebuild the depot, we choose to help others rebuild their lives.

875+ volunteer hrs. in
2021
15 people

**BUILDING THE DEPOT AND
SECOND CHANCES**



Work started in 2016 on the Wheeling & Lake Erie caboose #0231. It required much restoration on the inside and out.



SPEEDER REBUILD



INTERSTATE TOWING & HELPERS



TEAMWORK



TREE REMOVAL



Our dedicated volunteer team has successfully given new life to caboose #0231. A bright addition to the museum and our community!

OUR VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN!

1949 WHEELING & LAKE ERIE CABOOSE #0231

Over 2,500-man hours

Learn about current volunteer opportunities by contacting the museum at 330-241-3486.



PARTS CLEANING

LOTS OF FUN AND ACTIVITY!



INNOVATION TOWING & TRANSPORT
HAULS A SPEEDER



NATIONAL TRAIN DAY OPEN HOUSE



NEW CROSSING
SIGNAL



THE DANDELION TOUR 2021



INTERSTATE TOWING
MONSTER TRUCK



US COAST & GEODETIC
BENCHMARK 1934
unearthed during
caboose installation



YES! THE KIDDIE TRAIN FROM
CHIPPEWA LAKE AMUSEMENT PARK



BUNKER HILL GOLF EVENT
JOE TAIT FOUNDATION

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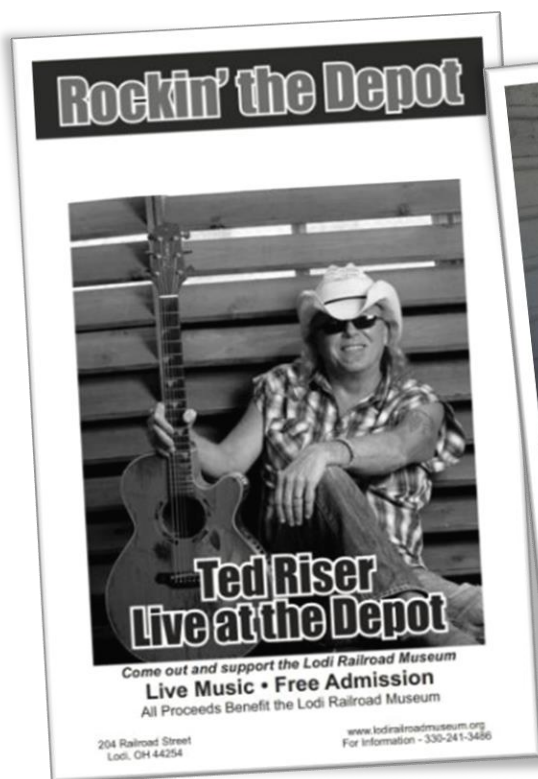
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www.lodirailroadmuseum.org



FANTASTIC JOB,
PAULA!



!! THANK YOU, JOE TAIT FOUNDATION !!



The LRRM welcomed Ted Riser for our fifth annual ROCKIN' THE DEPOT event. A great time was had by an enthusiastic crowd of about 100 fans.

Ted shares an interest of the railroad and how it built our country. He sees all the hard work the guys have done to revitalize the depot and what it means to the community.

Ted and his band support the museum by playing for an afternoon each summer.

He loves drawing fans to the Lodi Depot. "We get to play our music, have a fun time, and raise a few bucks for the museum!"



ROCKIN' OUT



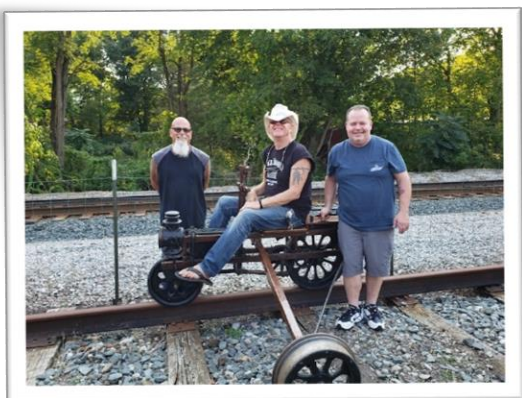
TED RISER & HIS PEOPLES!



GRILLIN' & CHILLIN'



FRIENDS



TED RISER AND BAND



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The Dandelion, Cabin Fever, and National Train Day Tours.

Also, our monthly open houses, annual Bunker Hill Golf Outing and Ted Riser's Rockin' the Depot Event.

It continues to be a privilege sharing the history of the railroad with all those who visit the museum.

Thank you for your continued support!



TELEGRAPH DESK



VISITORS LEARNING



FRONT OF THE MUSEUM

The Lodi Railroad Museum is a 501 (c)(3), non-profit educational and historical organization. The mission of the Lodi Railroad Museum, Inc. (LRRM) is to inform and educate the public about the railroad's effect on the Village of Lodi and Harrisville Township.



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